1710.11 Bottomlands - Great Lakes
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SUBJECT: Bottomlands - Great Lakes.

APPLICATION: Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units.

PURPOSE: Great Lakes underwater salvage, conservation and development of the natural resources of the State.

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SUMMARY: A permit is required from the DNR, Land and Water Management Division, prior to the removal of any property from the bottom of the Great Lakes. Permit applications are sent out on pubic notice for 30 days. Either the DNR or the DOS, Bureau of History, may deny the application. If the application is approved, conditions may be attached.
A permit is not necessary if the property is found outside of an established Great Lakes bottomlands preserve; is not attached to, nor located on, in, or in the immediate vicinity of or associated with a sunken watercraft or aircraft; and can be picked up by hand without the use of any tools, such as a knife or power tool.

APPLICABLE FORMS: PR-2754, with attachments.
Application for Permit to Recover Abandoned Property from the Great Lakes.
Joint Permit To Recover Abandoned Property from the Great Lakes.

PROCEDURES:

Applicant:
- Secures permit application from L&WMD.
- Returns completed form to L&WMD.

DNR:
- Assigns file number and circulates to interested parties for public notice.

DOS:
- Reviews application and makes a determination as to the historical value of the artifact or associated site.
- If the permit is to be approved, prepares the DOS portion of the "Joint Permit To Recover Abandoned Property from the Great Lakes" and returns to L&WMD, DNR.

DNR:
- Reviews application and makes determination as the recreational or natural historical significance of the artifact or the site.
- If the permit is to be approved, prepares the DNR portion of the permit.
- If the permit is to be denied, prepares a letter of denial to be sent to the applicant.

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